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1. One night in July or August 1953, at about 2100 hours, informant observed a projectile flying from southwest to northeast at an angle of 45°, apparently without changing direction and altitude. (sic) Its attitude was very high; no information was available on its distance from informant. A deep roar was heard before a long red fire tail became visible, which was similar to but much slower than a shooting star. Informant was impressed by the length and the bright intensive red of the fire jet, but he did not see the projectile itself. An engineer, [redacted] said that the projectile must have been a rocket. Informant estimated the speed of the projectile at 600 to 700 kilometers per hour; he stated that it was not faster than a turbojet aircraft he had seen. 25X1

2. The phenomenon lasted about half a minute. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] He remembered that the weather had been fair with scattered clouds at an altitude of about 8,000 meters and that there had been no moon.

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